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INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Revision of IAC-M-185, Item 3

Please substitute the attached text for Item 3 of the minutes of the IAC meeting of 23 February 1955 (IAC-M-185). This revision was approved by the IAC on 15 March 1955 (IAC-M-187, Item 1b).



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3. 24-Hour Watch for the  
Indications Center of the  
IAC Watch Committee  
(IAC-D-6/9, 11 February 1955)

After extended discussion, which revealed considerable differences of opinion regarding the character of and necessity for a 24-hour operation of the Indications Center by permanent staff members, agreement was reached to proceed with the recruitment of up to five additional persons for the purpose of maintaining the temporary 24-hour watch already established. In the discussion it was brought out that the apparent function of the Indications Center is not to supplant or duplicate the existing departmental watch and alert mechanisms nor to relieve the Watch Committee of its responsibility for making evaluations. The Indications Center is not itself expected to notify other than the Watch Committee members. Rather the purpose of the 24-hour operation by the Indications Center is to receive from individual agencies information bearing on indications, and to expedite the collation of this information for use by Watch Committee members whenever required by day or night.

Those participating agencies which find it feasible to make personnel available for this purpose will do so. A final decision on the proposed 24-hour watch was postponed.

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